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NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT

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HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

(E.C. 2)

CONSTITUTION OF TASK FORCE FOR INSPECTION OF PROFESSIONAL COLLEGES IN THE STATE.

[G.O.Ms.No. 54, Higher Education (EC.2), 11th August, 2012.]

Read :-

G.O.Rt.No. 499, HE (EC.2) Dept., Dated 13-07-2010.

The State of Andhra Pradesh is supplying the highest Technical manpower in country and having more than 700 Engineering Colleges with an intake of more than 3.00 lakh students per year, apart from having several MBA, MCA & Pharmacy Colleges.

2. The Admission and Fee Regulatory Committee is regulating the fee for these Professional Colleges in the State. Aggrieved by the latest fee fixation, some of the Engineering College approached the Hon'ble High Court for uniform fee structured State Govt. have filed a Special Leave Petition in the Hon'ble Supreme Court vide SLP © No. 34050-34080 of 2011. The Hon'ble Supreme Court in its Judgment dt. 9. 5. 2012 has directed that the institutions who give their undertaking before the Hon'ble Supreme Court within one week and on furnishing within one week thereafter to Admission and Fee Regulatory Committee complete details / figures relevant to evaluate impact on their financial burden due to All India Council for Technical Education, Notification and the 9th Pay Revision Committee Report of the State Government to enable the Admission and Fee Regulatory Committee to refix the fee.

3. In accordance with the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court, 129 Colleges have submitted required information for Fee Fixation and there is every need to cross verify the information and conduct inspection of all such colleges to ascertain the veracity of information furnished by them. Even those colleges which have not furnished the information have to be considered for common fee structure for the year 2012-2013.

4. In order to encourage the Students of economically backward class, SCs & STs to pursue higher education, Government have launched a pioneer scheme of Fee Reimbursement on saturation basis. The Group of Ministers have opined that a mechanism in the form of a task force be Constituted to cause inspection of the colleges and to ensure maintenance of standards as prescribed by All India Council for Technical Education and affiliated Universities.

5. Government earlier in the reference read above have Constituted a High Level Committee to suggest modalities and remedial measures to strengthen the Unaided Professional Institutions to maintain a highest standards of education in the State. The said Committee has also inter alia recommended that Government have to create a

strong mechanism to inspect and verify the infrastructural facilities created by the Private Institutions in terms of prescribed norms from time to time and also ensure quality education in all these institutions and take stringent action against the defaulting institution including withdrawal of permission. There is also a need for reviewing affiliations by the universities, in case of such colleges which do not adhere to affiliation requirements.

6. Government after careful examination of the matter, Constitute the following Task Forces to inspect the Professional Colleges in the State and to furnish reports to the Government :-

I. <u>District-Level Task Force:</u>

(i) Principal / Head of Section of the government Polytechnic located in District Head quarter nominated by CTE, (Convenor)

(ii) (2) Senior professors (preferably engg. Background) to be nominated by A.P State Council of Higher Education, Hyderabad, from outside the jurisdiction of affiliating university.

(iii) Executive Engineer, Roads & Buildings of the concerned District.

(iv) Nominee of Director General, Vigilance and Enforcement at the District level, (v) Audit officer, local fund audit.

<u>II.Regional-Level Task Force:</u>

(i) Regional Joint Director of Technical Education (Convener).

(ii) Two Senior Officials (Deans or Directors) to be nominated by A.P State Council of Higher Education, Hyderabad from out side the jurisdiction of affiliating University.

(iii) Regional-Level Vigilance and Enforcement Officer or nominee.

(iv) Regional Joint director, Local fund Audit

(v) Superintending Engineer, Roads & Buildings.

III.State-Level Task Force comprising of :

(i) Shri S.K. Sinha, IAS, Commissioner, Appeals, O/o Chief Commission Land Administration.

(ii) Shri Umesh Sharraf, IPS, Inspector General of Police, (EOW) CID.

(iii) Secretary, A.P State Council of Higher Education, Hyderabad.

(iv) Commissioner of Technical Education (Convener).

7. The State Level Task Force can co-opt any Expert/ academician as they feel necessary for assisting the Task Force.

8. The District Level Task Force will inspect all the Colleges in the District to check whether these colleges have required infrastructure (including Library, Laboratory etc.,) Teaching faculty, Non teaching staff and are disbursing salaries, as per the All India Council for Technical Education and concerned affiliating Universities norms as the case may be. The District Level Task Force will submit their reports to the Regional Level Task Force and the Regional Task Force in turn to the State Level Task Force.

9. The Regional and State level Task Force will make need based inspection of these Colleges in the State, finalize their recommendations and submit to the State Government

10. In order to facilitate the Task Force to inspect these colleges, Government have notified AP Ordinance No,4 & 5 of 2012 vide AP Gazette No.18 & 19 of 2012, suitably amending AP Education Act, 1982 and Jawaharlal Nehru Technologica Universities Act, 2008 respectively, according to which State Government can cause inspection of the affiliated Professional Colleges.

11.The Commissioner of Technical Education, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad will issue necessary orders for the detailed composition of the District and Regional Level Task Forces.

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Chief Secretary to Government.

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